IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In Re U.S. P	atent Application of:)	
Applicant:	Akihiro Inomata) I hereby certify that this paper is being deposited with the United States Postal Service as EXPRESS MAIL in an envelope addressed to: Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450.	
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Conf. No.:	8089	Date Express Mail Label No.: EV 032698504US	
Parent Filed:	February 6, 2002))	
For: MAGNETIC STORING MEDIUM AND MAGNETIC STORAGE APPARATUS)))	
Art Unit:	1773)	
Examiner:	Rickman, Holly C.	<i>)</i>)	

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Prior to consideration and calculating the fees for the above-referenced Divisional Application, please amend the Application as follows: